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Letter dated 25 June 2015 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the latest version of the draft resolution for the renewal of the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), which is now under the silence procedure, I would once again like to draw attention to the fact that none of our reservations and concerns stated in our letter dated 19 June 2015 (S/2015/464) were taken into consideration. The draft remained as it was, containing the same negative paragraphs and the controversial annex, which was attached for the first time in total divergence from all the previous resolutions. In this regard, we refer to the unacceptable merging of the mandates and duties of the African Union-United Nations Joint Special Representative for Darfur, the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan and the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, as contained in operative paragraph 6, while there was agreed language in operative paragraph 3 of resolution 2173 (2014) addressing this issue. In addition, the draft still contains paragraphs that contradict the facts and realities on the ground as well as the reports of the Secretary-General with regard to the so-called continued denial of access, as stated in the twelfth preambular paragraph.

Likewise, the language contained in operative paragraphs 24 and 25 regarding the exit strategy is totally undermining the role of the joint working group entrusted with the submission of recommendations to that end, backtracking on the provisions of operative paragraph 7 of resolution 2173 (2014) by which the Council extended the mandate of UNAMID. Similarly, the unaccepted language of the seventh preambular paragraph remained as it was, despite the fact that the Secretary-General referred in his report to the so-called information collected by UNAMID regarding two air-delivered cluster bombs in Kirigiyati as unverified information pending further investigation. Therefore, it is totally unacceptable to accommodate such a paragraph in the draft.

Having brought these reservations and concerns to your kind attention, I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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